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BEFORE THE ARIZONA GORPORATION COMMISSION

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SUPPLEMENTAL SURREBUTTAL

TESTIMONY

OF

JEFFREY M. MICHLIK

DOCKET NO. WS-02987A-08-0180

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF JOHNSON UTILITIES, L.L.C., FOR AN INCREASE IN ITS WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES FOR CUSTOMERS WITHIN PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA

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INTRODUCTION

- Q. Please state your name, occupation, and business address.
- A. My name is Jeffrey M. Michlik. I am a Public Utilities Analyst V employed by the Arizona Corporation Commission ("ACC" or "Commission") in the Utilities Division ("Staff"). My business address is 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.
- Q. Are you the same Jeffrey M. Michlik who filed surrebuttal testimony in this case?
- A. Yes, I am.

- Q. What is the purpose of your supplemental surrebuttal testimony in this proceeding?
- A. The purpose of this supplemental surrebuttal testimony is to respond, on behalf of Staff, to the question of whether, or not, to treat the Central Arizona Ground Water Replenishment District ("CAGRD") use fee as a pass-through to rate payers.

CAGRD

- Q. Does Staff now recommend that the CAGRD use fee be treated as a pass-through to rate payers?
- A. Yes, subject to certain conditions.

- Q. Why is Staff changing its position?
- A. After further analysis, Staff determined that the CAGRD fee is based on the volume of water sold to customers, therefore, could be calculated on a per bill basis, based on the amount of water sold each month to each customer.

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Q. What are Staff's recommended conditions?

- A. Staff recommends that the following conditions with regard to the CAGRD use fee be applied to the Company as a compliance item in this docket:
 - 1. The pass-through shall apply to all water sold after October 1, 2009, or shall become effective on the date new rates from this case become effective, whichever is later.
 - 2. The Company shall, on a monthly basis, place all CAGRD monies collected from customers in a separate, interest bearing account ("CAGRD Account").
 - The only time the Company can withdraw money from the CAGRD Account is to pay the annual CAGRD fee to the CAGRD, which is due on October 15th of each year.
 - 4. The Company must provide to Staff a semi-annual report of the CAGRD Account and CAGRD use fees collected from customers and paid to the CAGRD, with the reports due during the last week of October and the last week of April of each year.
 - 5. The Company must provide to Staff, every even-numbered year, (first year being 2010) by June 30th, the new firm rates set by the CAGRD for the next two years.
 - 6. The initial CAGRD use fee, beginning as per Condition No. 1 above, shall be \$0.976 per 1,000 gallons for customers in the Phoenix AMA and \$.0856 per 1,000 gallons for customers in the Pinal AMA.
 - 7. By July 15th of each year, beginning in 2010, the Company shall submit its proposed CAGRD pass-through fee for the Phoenix and Pinal AMAs for consideration by the Commission, with the Commission approved amount becoming effective the following October 1st.
 - 8. If the CAGRD changes its current method of assessing fees, (i.e. based on the current volume of water used by customers) to some other method, such as, but no

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A. Yes, it does.

9. The Commission will decide in the Company's next rate case what to do with any excess funds that may be in the CAGRD Account.

limited to, future projection of water usage, or total water allocated to the

Company, the Company's pass through to customers of CAGRD fees shall cease.

10. At any time between rate cases, if the Commission determines that there are excessive funds in the CAGRD Account, the Commission may order a refund of any such excess funds or consider these excess funds in calculating future year pass-throughs of CAGRD use fees.

Q. Does this conclude your supplemental surrebuttal testimony?